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Hendry County Broadband Projects Awarded State Funding

(February 3, 2023) – Internet service providers were awarded nearly \$13 million dollars to expand access and improve broadband internet service in Hendry County.

Governor Ron DeSantis announced the awarded projects on Thursday totaling more than \$144 million for 58 projects in 41 Florida counties. The funding is being provided through the Department of Economic Opportunity's Broadband Opportunity Grant Program.

The following projects in Hendry County received funds from the grants initial award cycle:

- **City of LaBelle; Montura (\$2,496,672)** — to add 58.8 miles of fiber optic cable to provide FTTH services to 1,424 unserved and underserved locations within Hendry County with minimum symmetrical download and upload speeds of 1 GBPS.
- **Cities of Clewiston, Moore Haven, and Pioneer; Montura, Palmdale, Port LaBelle and Venus (\$5,000,000)** — to deploy FTTH services to more than 4,231 unserved locations in Glades, Hendry, and Highlands Counties with symmetrical download and upload speeds of between 1GB and 2GB.
- **Pioneer; La Deca and Montura (\$4,750,000)** — to bring high speed internet service to eastern Hendry County through installation of fixed wireless service to 1,700 households at download speeds of 100 MBPS and upload speeds of 10 MBPS.

Additional grant funding will be available later this year providing an opportunity to apply for further expansion throughout the County.

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